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RE: Docket: 1353067-52030 Final Determination to Close Andrew, IA Post Office  
To: United States Postal Office

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to the attention of Andrew Schools that our local post office is in jeopardy of closing. This disturbs our district in many ways but most importantly has major financial implications on how we use the USPS in the future. Our current service with our local USPS is exceptional. With the close proximity of the building, it is very easy for us to pick up and deliver mail on a daily basis. If we have a package that needs shipped, our most used delivery agent is the USPS, not UPS or FedEx.

If the Andrew Post Office were to close it would have an impact on Andrew's school financial health. The district would have to send an individual to Maquoketa or Bellevue each day to receive and send our standard mail. This would mean instead of a five minute pick up, this operation becomes a daily 30-45 minute routine. Currently, our facilities director has this responsibility. He would lose precious time in his already busy day maintaining our building. We would also have to provide a school vehicle to pick up mail or pay our individual mileage for the travel. Over the course of 260 business days for our district, this cost accumulates into a significant amount of dollars and time lost due to inefficiency. These dollars would come from our general fund; the same fund in which we buy materials, resources, and books for student learning in our school.

Without a local USPS in Andrew, we would have to switch our means of sending packages to UPS or FedEx in order to reduce travel cost. Rarely, would we be using USPS in the future for package delivery. I hope you consider the impacts of all businesses, government sectors, and the community of Andrew in your decision. The Andrew Post Office is a critical component in our community and something our city deserves to keep in the future.

Sincerely,

Kent Hammer  
Superintendent

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